(e) The figures of total revenue expenditure and administrative expenditure which is a component of total revenue expenditure, for the year 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 on the basis of October, 1993 issue of RBI Bulletin are as indicated below :

(Rs. Crores)

Year	Total revenue expenditure	Total Administrative expenditure
1991-92 (Actuals)	86186.4	7762.4@
1992-93 (RE)	95550.7	8850.4
1993-94 (BE)	105086.3	11453.4

@Figures for Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir and Nagaland relate to revised estimates.

(f) No, Sir. The above study of RBI does not make any mention of inadequate efficiency coupled with corruption in administrative services hindering the flow of revenue to States.

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR : Madam, what is the reason for producing ... (*Interruptions*) ... during the year 1993 ? As compared to ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI P. UPENDRA : Madam, adjourn the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I won't adjourn the House. Tomorrow other Members can come and stand in the well of the House. We can't adjourn the House like this. The House runs on the will of the majority of the Members, not a few Members. ... (*Interruptions*) ... This House runs on the majority of the Members in the House, not on the minority of the Members. ... (*Interruptions*) ... Let them ... (*Interruptions*). We will show it on the television also. Q. No. 162, Q. No. 163, Q. No. 164, not here. Q. No. 165.

162. [*The quistioner (Shri Maheshwar Singh) was absent. For answer, Vide Col* 31 *infra.*]

163. [*The questioners (S/Shri Viren J. Shah and Promod Mahajan) were absent. For answer, Vide Col* 36 *infra.*]

164. [*The questioner (Shrimati Chandrika Abhinandan Jain) was absent. For answer, Vide Col* 36 *infra.*]

Financial Crisis in U.P. State Electricity Board

*165 SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of Power be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned a special loan of Rs. 118 crores to Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board to tide over the financial crisis in meeting its obligations with Power Finance Corporation ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government had earlier sanctioned a loan of Rs. 242 crores to UPSEB to clear Japanese equipment for its Anpara project ;

(c) whether Government are aware of the gross financial irregularities in UPSEB operations running up to several hundred crores of Rupees in unpaid dues to central sector power generation companies like NTPC ; and

(d) whether these loans were extended to UPSEB on any pre-condition that UPSEB would guarantee better financial management and accountability ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYA NAIDU) : (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

(a) A special one-time allocation of additional market borrowings for Rs. 118 crores was granted to Government of

Uttar Pradesh in September, 1993 for re-lending the amount to the Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board to enable them to clear their outstandings of Rs. 96 crores and that of U.P. Rajya Vidyut Utpadam Nigam amounting to Rs. 22 crores due to Power Finance Corporation.

(b) A special plan loan of Rs. 127 crores was released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh from the buget of the Department of Power 1991-92 to enable UPSEB to clear the Custom Duty on certain equipments imported for the Anpara 'B' project. The funds were directly passed on to the Customs authorities, on behalf of the State Government.

(c) The total amounts due to the Public Sector Undertakings under Ministry of Power from UPSEB at the end of October, 1993 was Rs. 911.07 crores (including Rs. 561.69 crores to NTPC). The overdues are on account of the adverse financial position of the Electricity Board, arising from factors such as heavy T & D losses, high cost of generation and supply high employee-cost, heavy outstandings of receivables, low agricultural tariff and non-payment of RE subsidy by State Government etc.

(d) UPSEB and Government of Uttar Pradesh have recently signed an Operational and Financial Action Plan (OFAP) with Power Finance Corporation, which provides for better financial management and accountability.

SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Madam, the Minister in his reply has said that the total amount due to the public sector undertakings under Ministry of Power from UPSEB at the end of October, 1993 was Rs. 911.07 crores. It is a sheer coincidence that today we are observing the National Conservation Day with advertisements exhorting the people to save energy in so many ways, while we have become passive to criminal waste of power including power theft. .. (*Interruptions*) ... Madam, the mangnitude of power theft is so much in Uttar Pradesh that even a modest improvement in transmission losses would mean an additional availability of say, 500 Mega Watts. In terms of investment, it would be Rs. 2000 crores.

The World Bank has been lending money to the State Eelectricity Boards for new capacity additions and the UPSEB has been a major beneficiary on this count. This aid is routed through the Power Finance Corporation. The current World Bank loan of Rs. 118 crores to the UPSEB is not the first of its kind. Earlier also the Ministry of Power had sanctioned about Rs. 242 crores to the UPSEB. I want to know from the hon. Minister whether his Ministry is familiar with the dossier of the UPSEB's mismanagement and contempt for financial indiscipline. Why is the Centre doling out funds to the UPSEB. ... And when there are more genuine demands from other States ... (*Interruptions*) The Minister stated ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU : Rs. 118 crores were granted to the Government of Uttar Pradesh for re-lending and for clearing their outstanding dues to the Power Finance Corporation. (*Interruptions*) Rs. 127 crores was given to clear the Customs Duty on certain equipment imported for the Anpara 'B' project. This is in the answer. (*Interruptions*) As regards the financial discipline and the question of UPSEB, it is a fact that it has been incurring losses, but of late it has improved its performance and has also entered into an operational and financial action plan with the power Finance Corporation and in the years to come ... (*Interruptions*)

श्री एस० एस० अहलुवालिया : शर्म आनी चाहिए ये मंत्रियों को भी ऐसा कह रहे हैं । इनको शर्म आनी चाहिए । . . . (व्यवधान) . . .

SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : (*Interruptions*) ... to ensure accountability and financial discipline, I would like to know whether the Centre on its part would resort to conservation of its own funds towards deploying ... (*Interruptions*) capacity addition in State Electricity Boards, who are capable and are willing to honour the preconditions. Part (b) of my question is whether the Centre would take over ... (*Interruptions*) Electricity Boards in order

to ... (*Interruptions*) ... Rs. 2,270 crores more for 1992-93 and what are the corrective steps the Centre proposes to take to disciple the State Electricity Boards ? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. UPENDRA : (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Direct it to them, not to me. I am trying to run the Question Hour in proper order. Instead of saying to the Chair, you tell the Members who are behaving like this. Do not tell the Chair. Tell the Members. Use your good offices.

SHRI P. UPENDRA : (*Interruptions*)

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Madam Chairperson, the hon. Minister has not answered my question.

SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU : (*Interruptions*) Efforts are being made to improve the financial performance ... (*Interruptions*) to achieve satisfactory results. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD : Madam, it is very unfortunate. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : You are presenting a very bad picture. I am very sorry. मुझे बड़ा अफसोस है कि आप प्रजातंत्र को चलने नहीं दे रहे है । I am sorry. You are not allowing the *Prajatantra* to go on. I am sorry. आप बैठ जाइये । I am very sorry. (*Interruptions*) It is the right of Members to ask questions.

श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : मैं मंत्री महोदय से यह जानना चाहती हूं कि क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश विद्युत परिषद् को निजि हाथों में देने का निर्णय लिया गया है ? यदि हां तो . . (व्यवधान) इसका क्या कारण है ?

SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU : There is no proposal for privatisation of the U.P.S.E.B. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. UPENDRA : I am on a point of order. Can a Member go to the Minister and give him the question privately ? It is no private business here. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question No. 166. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Madam, you cannot run the House like this. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. UPENDRA : Please adjourn the House. ... (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Question No. 166.

Loans for Buying Jewellery

*166. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Overseas Bank has launched a unique scheme of granting loans for buying items of jewellery ; and

(b) if so, to what extent it is in consonance with Government's credit policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED) : (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has not introduced any new scheme for granting loans for buying jewellery. It has been implementing a consumer loan scheme since 1960 under which loans equivalent to 5 months' gross salary may be sanctioned to eligible borrowers who are in regular employment subject to some conditionalities; such loans are also available to employees of the bank who have completed three years of service. IOB has permitted employees eligible for consumer loans to buy jewellery upto Rs. 25,000.